

BENEDICTION DELIVERED BY
RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN AT
THE DEDICATION OF THE JEW-
ISH WAR VETERANS MONUMENT
IN VIRGINIA BEACH ON VET-
ERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010

HON. GLENN C. NYE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. NYE. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Our God, M'kor Chayim U'vracha, Infinite Source of Life's Blessings,

Dear Veterans, Families, Donors, Friends, Zeh Ha'Yom Asa Adonai, Nagila V'nismecha Vo! This is the awaiting day the Lord has granted us, that we may find joy and meaning in it!

Tenderly, tearfully and triumphantly we recall our very own fighting Jewish men and women in uniform who alongside fellow Americans from all backgrounds and walks of life, and to the last full measure of devotion, borrowing a phrase from President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—served and sacrificed, secured and saved on behalf of our great and grateful nation, a flourishing democracy which has been a tower of strength to a weary and vulnerable world as well as a steadfast beacon of Shalom's flickering lights of hope, harmony and healing.

Our cherished kin, some with their long-loving and supportive families here on this festive Veterans Day of the Jewish War Veterans Monument Dedication, have proudly, patriotically and profoundly responded to freedom's far-reaching sacred call from these golden shores to the most noble of duties in defense of all we hold precious. Their selfless acts of unflinching heroism and exemplary conduct under harrowing circumstances brought genuine honor and lasting glory, sanctifying God's holy name.

This significant monument is an essential addition to the beautiful grounds of the Reba and Sam Sandler Campus of the Tidewater Jewish Community in the unique region of Hampton Roads, home to the nation's largest cluster of military installations. The monument, linked by design to the Helen G. Gifford Holocaust Memorial Garden, is forever an inspiring testimony to unforgettable brethren, the dead and the living, who participated in the monumental liberation of the surviving remnant, myself included, of European Jewry from the threat of total extinction by humanity's foes.

At the approaching Chanuka celebration, we salute our veterans who like the Maccabees of old, through wondrous deeds and abundant sacrifices of a faithful spirit, have bequested unto us all the inseparable twin gifts of life and liberty.

“Minesharing Kalu
M'arayot Gaveru
They were swifter than eagles,
They were stronger than lions!
Eich Naflu Giborim
B'tock Hamilchama—
How have the mighty fallen
In the thick of battle”
Second Samuel 1:23, 25
And humbly let us say, Amen.

Rabbi Israel Zoberman is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach and president of the Hampton Roads

Board of Rabbis and Cantors. He was born in Kazakhstan in 1945 to Polish Holocaust survivors.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
REVEREND DR. ROLAND HAYES
CROWDER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Reverend Dr. Roland Hayes Crowder on the occasion of his 45th anniversary as pastor of the Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio and his 60th anniversary of ministering to those in need.

Reverend Crowder was educated in the Jefferson County Schools in Birmingham, Alabama. He was raised with the values of faith, family, hard work and service to community. He graduated from Malone College and Ashland Theological Seminary, where he earned a doctoral degree in theology.

After college, Reverend Crowder accepted the call to ministry, and on November 8th, 1950, he preached his first sermon at East Mount Zion Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1965, Reverend Crowder accepted the position of pastor of the Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. His leadership led to an increase in church membership, the creation of new outreach programs and the construction of a multi-purpose church facility.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of the Reverend Dr. Roland Hayes Crowder, whose 60-year ministry and 45 years as a pastor reflect missions of healing, hope and faith. Reverend Crowder's compassionate service and dedicated leadership continues to bring light and strength to countless individuals and families.

HONORING MR. JAMES KLUTTZ,
THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE TYBEE ISLAND HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James Kluttz, the former President of the Board of Directors of the Tybee Island Historical Society. During his twenty years of leadership, the Tybee Island Historical Society's membership grew from two hundred to over one thousand, and the Society raised funds to restore the entire seven building Tybee Island Light Station and surrounding plots of land essential to preserving historic views from the Station. Due to Mr. Kluttz's efforts, the Station received local, state, and national awards as well as international publicity. The increased spotlight and the strengthening of the Tybee Island Light Station's historical preservation bona fides resulted in the transfer of the Station from the Federal Government to the Tybee Island Historical Society—one of the first to occur under

the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000.

Moreover, due to Mr. Kluttz's twenty-year dedication, the Tybee Island Lighthouse was included in the Southeast Lighthouse Stamp series and the Station was been nominated for National Landmark Status. Visitation to the Station and Museum has gone from several thousand annual visitors to over 170,000, greatly benefitting the local economy.

Mr. Kluttz's work did not end with the Lighthouse. Under his direction, the Historical Society helped acquire and restore buildings and historic field guns at Fort Screven, as well as a “raised cottage” that reflects Tybee Island's unique social, cultural, and architectural heritage.

Mr. James Kluttz is a model citizen, having served on countless boards and committed hundreds of personal hours towards the preservation of the atmosphere of Tybee Island, and I believe that no one could have done a better job. The citizens of Tybee Island owe him much thanks and gratitude, and on this day we wish him the best in all his future activities and endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE RAYMOND AND
MIRIAM KLEIN JCC

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Raymond and Miriam Klein JCC on its milestone 35th anniversary. Located in Northeast Philadelphia, the Raymond and Miriam Klein JCC is a multifaceted community center committed to a strategic mission of serving the versatile needs of the surrounding Jewish community. The Klein JCC is a living example of Tikkun Olam—repairing the world—right here in our community.

Since 1975, when the Klein Branch opened its doors, it has been a community center, an educational center, and a constant source of support and enrichment for the Jewish community. Located on a 20 acre lot and featuring a theatre, 2 swimming pools, a gym, and classrooms, the JCC provides childcare, immigration counseling, and summer camp, as well as athletic and aquatic fitness programs.

But Klein JCC is much more than a center that provides entertainment and recreation. Throughout the decades, the Klein JCC has adapted its mission to meet the changing needs of its neighbors and has reemerged as a fully functioning social services agency. Today, the Klein JCC provides critical quality services to our youngest members of the community through pre-school and kindergarten while providing a lifeline to our most seasoned senior citizens. Education for the very young as well as courses for those over the age of 90 are all available in the same facility. And through the Mitzvah food project, volunteers deliver food and other necessities to those in the community who are in need, reaching out to help regardless of religion, race, gender, or age.

Madam Speaker, I am so proud to represent in congress an institution that has so faithfully and ably served the Jewish community for so many years. I am honored that the Raymond